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2005 FILING SCHEDULE – PRIVATELY FINANCED CANDIDATES

Candidates in the 2004 and Previous Elections

Filing Deadline

July 15, 2005
January 17, 2006

Reporting Period

Close of Last Report – June 30, 2005
July 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005

Privately financed candidates in the 2004 and previous elections are required to file a semiannual campaign finance report on July 15, 2005 and January 17, 2006 if at the close of their last report they had a cash balance greater than \$50 or an outstanding loan or debt greater than \$50.

2006 Candidates

Filing Deadline

July 15, 2005
January 17, 2006

Reporting Period

January 1, 2005 – June 30, 2005
July 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005

Privately financed candidates in the 2006 elections may begin collecting contributions and making expenditures at any time after registering as a 2006 candidate with the Ethics Commission. Gubernatorial candidates in the 2006 elections who have raised or spent more than \$1,000 in calendar year 2005 must file campaign finance reports on July 15, 2005 and January 17, 2006. Legislative candidates who have raised or spent more than \$500 in calendar year 2005 are also required to file the July 15, 2005 and January 17, 2006 reports. If a candidate has not raised or spent the threshold amount (\$500 or \$1,000), the candidate may include any 2005 activity in the first report for 2006.

Filing Procedures

The Ethics Commission must receive at its office each original campaign finance report signed by both the candidate and treasurer by 5:00 p.m. on the filing deadline, except in two circumstances. A properly signed report may be faxed to the Commission office at (207) 287-6775 by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline, provided that the original report is received by the Commission within five calendar days. A report that has been mailed to the Commission by certified or registered mail and that is postmarked at least 2 days before the filing deadline will not be considered late, even if it is received after the deadline.